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KY Women Veterans: 2015 is Year of the Woman Veteran

Events will focus on reaching and celebrating women veterans

FRANKFORT, Ky. (Dec. 30, 2014) – The Kentucky Department of Veterans Affairs (KDVA) will spotlight Kentucky's 33,000 women veterans throughout 2015, which Governor Steve Beshear has proclaimed the Year of the Woman Veteran in Kentucky.

"Our Kentucky women veterans have served honorably and commendably in virtually every aspect of the U.S. military," Gov. Beshear said. "They have earned their full benefits and services, as well as our thanks and appreciation."

"Kentucky Women Veterans Unite! is the motto for the Year of the Woman Veteran because as women and as veterans they know they are stronger united," said KDVA Commissioner Heather French Henry.

"Throughout the year, we will be reaching out to women veterans and to everyone in our communities to make the connections that support and celebrate our women veterans in Kentucky."

In addition to sponsoring a statewide conference on women veterans in April, KDVA will hold events and present messages tied to the specific concerns of women veterans in all aspects of their lives, including physical and mental health, education, employment and housing.

KDVA will work with state and local partners throughout Kentucky to ensure women veterans have the opportunity to participate in and take full advantage of these events.

"Kentucky's women veterans, like all our veterans, are a huge potential asset not just to the Commonwealth as a whole, but to each community in which they live and work," Commissioner Henry said.

"In 2015 the Year of the Woman Veteran, we will make sure that potential is neither wasted nor overlooked."

Find more information about the Year of the Woman Veteran at veterans.ky.gov/Pages/KY-Women-Veterans-Unite!.aspx

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